

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-19 were rejected in the Office Action entered on 05/14/2008.

Applicants filed an Appeal Brief on 10/17/2008.

The Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief was entered on 12/10/2008.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences entered a decision on 07/08/2011.

In light of the Board Decision, claims 1-19 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KIBROM GEBRESILASSIE whose telephone number is (571)272-8571. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah can be reached on (571)272-2279. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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